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3 years. Senator Hilgert has an amendment to the amendment that I consider a friendly amendment that provides another way to fund this. And, with that, I will close. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Hilgert would move to amend. (AM1664, Legislative Journal page 1889.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Hilgert, to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: This...the microphone works better in the morning, and this one works better in the afternoon. But anyway, thank you, Madam President, members. I just drafted this. I had this...we had this amendment drafted to give the body a choice. This amendment basically strikes line 15 through 21 in Senator Thompson's bill calling for the 3 cents tax increase. And takes 3 cents out of the 21 cents that we have, that goes to the General Fund, and obligates it towards this worthy project. So right now we would have 21 cents going to the General Fund, with the adoption of my amendment that would be reduced to 18 cents, and we would obligate 3 cents to the facility for 3 years. That's all it does. I felt that it's important to give the body this option so that we're not in the position of choosing between a worthy project and increasing taxes on our citizens, but now we have a third choice. We can have the worthy project and simply obligate tax money that we're already collecting towards this project. I have a hard time supporting a tax increase, therefore I felt compelled to introduce this amendment to you. I would ask that the body adopt the amendment and I would like to thank Senator Thompson for her openness, her willingness to consider this a friendly amendment, and shows Senator Thompson's commitment to the project and not necessarily how it gets done. And I wish to commend her on her good work with juvenile justice. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Redfield, you are the first on the list to speak.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you. I stand in support of Senator Hilgert's amendment. I think it's important that we do fund